

Read to Me

Altura Elementary School

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Supporting families in a variety of ways in reading to their child regularly is important to the staff at Altura Elementary School in Aurora. By hosting Academic Nights focused on reading, parents become engaged in reading with their child in ways that can be sustained at home.

Families were invited to Altura Elementary for the “Read to Me” event. Cookies and cocoa were offered, and every student that attended received a free book. Title I funds were used to purchase the refreshments, while community volunteers from the library, Reading Corp, and 5th and Charles supported the program with donations of books and/or time.

The atmosphere of Read to Me was fun and relaxed, while still contributing to the academic achievement of students by incorporating Altura Elementary’s Unified Improvement Plan goals. Evaluations of the event were based on a large number of people in attendance, as well as the positive comments shared with staff afterwards. Staff at Altura Elementary recommend mixing up family engagement programs and events, as doing the same thing every year can become less interesting to families and to students.